

**§ 200.33 Labor standards**

(a) The requirements set forth in 29 CFR parts 1, 3 and 5 for compliance with labor standards laws apply to projects under these programs to the extent that labor standards apply as provided in section 212 of the Act, provided that:

(1) The labor standards provisions do not apply to projects insured under sections 207 or 232 pursuant to section 223(f) of the Act; and

(2) Supplemental loans under section 241 of the Act are subject to the provisions of section 212 applicable to the section or title pursuant to which the mortgage covering the project is insured or pursuant to which the original mortgage was insured.

(b) The requirements set forth in 24 CFR part 70 apply to those programs with respect to which there is a statutory provision allowing HUD waiver of Davis-Bacon prevailing wage rates for volunteers.

(c) Project commitments, contracts and agreements, as determined by the Commissioner, and construction contracts and subcontracts, shall include terms, conditions and standards for compliance with applicable requirements set forth in 29 CFR parts 1, 3 and 5 and section 212 of the Act.

(d) No advance under a loan or mortgage that is subject to the requirements of section 212 shall be eligible for insurance unless there is filed with the application for the advance a certificate as required by the Commissioner certifying that the laborers and mechanics employed in construction of the project have been paid not less than the wage rates required under section 212.

**§ 200.34 Property and mortgage assessment.**

The requirements set forth in 24 CFR part 200, subpart E, regarding the mortgagor's responsibility for making those investigations, analysis and inspections it deems necessary for protecting its interests in the property apply to these programs.

**§ 200.35 Appraisal standards—non-discrimination requirements.**

(a) *Nondiscrimination in the selection of appraiser.* In the selection of an ap-

praiser, there shall be no discrimination on the basis of race, color, religion, national origin, sex, age, or disability.

(b) *Nondiscrimination in appraisal determination.* The certification required by the Uniform Standards of Professional Appraisal Practice must include a statement that the racial/ethnic composition of the neighborhood surrounding the property in no way affected the appraisal determination.

**FEES AND CHARGES**

**§ 200.40 HUD fees.**

The following fees apply to mortgages to be insured under this part.

(a) *Application fee—SAMA letter (for new construction).* An application fee of \$1 per thousand dollars of the requested mortgage shall accompany the application for a SAMA letter. An additional fee of \$1 per thousand dollars of the requested mortgage amount shall be charged for the review of plans and specifications.

(b) *Application fee—feasibility letter (for substantial rehabilitation).* An application fee of \$3 per thousand dollars of the requested mortgage amount shall accompany the application for a feasibility letter.

(c) *Application fee—conditional commitment.* For a mortgage being insured under section 223(f) of the Act (12 U.S.C. 1715n), an application-commitment fee of \$3 per thousand dollars of the requested mortgage amount shall accompany an application for conditional commitment. For a mortgage being insured under section 242 of the Act (12 U.S.C. 1715z-7), an application fee of \$1.50 per thousand dollars of the amount loaned shall be paid to the Commissioner at the time the hospital proposal is submitted to the Secretary of Health and Human Services for approval.

(d) *Application fee—firm commitment: General.* (1) Except as provided in paragraph (d)(2) of this section, an application for firm commitment shall be accompanied by an application-commitment fee which, when added to any prior fees received in connection with applications for a SAMA letter or a feasibility letter will aggregate \$5 per

thousand dollars of the requested mortgage amount to be insured. The payment of an application-commitment fee shall not be required in connection with an insured mortgage involving the sale by the government of housing or property acquired, held or contracted pursuant to the Atomic Energy Community Act of 1955 (42 U.S.C. 2301 *et seq.*).

(2) *Application fee—firm commitment: Hospitals.* A firm-commitment fee which, when added to the application fee, shall aggregate \$3 per thousand dollars of the amount of the loan set forth in the firm commitment shall be paid within 30 days after the date of the commitment. If the payment of a commitment fee is not received by the Commissioner within 30 days after the date of issuance of the commitment, the commitment shall expire on the 30th day.

(e) *Inspection fee—(1) In general.* The firm commitment may provide for the payment of an inspection fee in an amount not to exceed \$5 per thousand dollars of the commitment. If an inspection fee is required, it shall be paid as follows:

(i) If the case involves insurance of advances, at the time of initial endorsement; or

(ii) If the case involves insurance upon completion, before the date construction is begun.

(2) *Existing projects.* For a mortgage being insured under section 223(f) of the Act, if the application provides for the completion of repairs, replacements and/or improvements (repairs), the Commissioner will charge an inspection fee equal to one percent (1%) of the cost of the repairs. However, where the Commissioner determines the cost of repairs is minimal, the Commissioner may establish a minimum inspection fee that exceeds one percent of the cost of repairs and can periodically increase or decrease this minimum fee.

(f) *Fees on increases—(1) In general.* Paragraph (f)(1) of this section applies to all applications except applications involving hospitals.

(i) *Increase in firm commitment before endorsement.* An application, filed before initial endorsement (or before endorsement in a case involving insur-

ance upon completion), for an increase in the amount of an outstanding firm commitment shall be accompanied by a combined additional application and commitment fee. This combined additional fee shall be in an amount which will aggregate \$5 per thousand dollars of the amount of the requested increase. If an inspection fee was required in the original commitment, an additional inspection fee shall be paid in an amount computed at the same dollar rate per thousand dollars of the amount of increase in commitment as was used for the inspection fee required in the original commitment. When insurance of advances is involved, the additional inspection fee shall be paid at the time of initial endorsement. When insurance upon completion is involved, the additional inspection fee shall be paid before the date construction is begun or if construction has begun, it shall be paid with the application for increase.

(ii) *Increase in mortgage between initial and final endorsement.* Upon an application, filed between initial and final endorsement, for an increase in the amount of the mortgage, either by amendment or by substitution of a new mortgage, a combined additional application and commitment fee shall accompany the application. This combined additional fee shall be in an amount which will aggregate \$5 per thousand dollars of the amount of the increase requested. If an inspection fee was required in the original commitment, an additional inspection fee shall accompany the application in an amount not to exceed the \$5 per thousand dollars of the amount of the increase requested.

(iii) *Loan to cover operating losses.* In connection with a loan to cover operating losses (see §200.22), a combined application and commitment fee of \$5 per thousand dollars of the amount of the loan applied for shall be submitted with the application for a firm commitment. No inspection fee shall be required.

(2) *Hospitals.* Paragraph (f)(2) of this section applies to applications in connection with a mortgage to be insured under section 242 of the Act.

(i) *Increase in commitment prior to endorsement.* Upon an application, filed

prior to initial endorsement (or prior to endorsement in a case involving insurance upon completion), for an increase in the amount of an outstanding commitment, an additional application fee of \$1.50 per thousand dollars computed on the amount of the increase requested shall accompany the application. Any increase in the amount of a commitment shall be subject to the payment of an additional commitment fee which, when added to the additional application fee, will aggregate \$3 per thousand dollars of the amount of the increase. The additional commitment fee shall be paid within 30 days after the date of the amended commitment. If the additional commitment fee is not paid within 30 days, the commitment for the increased amount will expire and the previous commitment will be reinstated. If an inspection fee was required in the original commitment, an additional inspection fee shall be paid in an amount not to exceed \$5 per thousand dollars of the amount of increase in commitment. Where insurance of advances is involved, the additional inspection fee shall be paid at the time of initial endorsement. Where insurance upon completion is involved, the additional inspection fee shall be paid prior to the date construction is begun or within 30 days after the date of the issuance of the amended commitment, if construction has begun.

(ii) *Increase in mortgage between initial and final endorsement.* Upon an application, filed between initial and final endorsement, for an increase in the amount of the mortgage, either by amendment or by substitution of a new mortgage, an additional application fee of \$1.50 per thousand dollars computed on the amount of the increase requested shall accompany the application. The approval of any increase in the amount of the mortgage shall be subject to the payment of an additional commitment fee which, when added to the additional application fee, will aggregate \$3 per thousand dollars of the amount of the increase granted. If an inspection fee was required in the original commitment, an additional inspection fee shall be paid in an amount not to exceed \$5 per thousand dollars of the amount of the increase granted. The additional commitment and in-

spection fees shall be paid within 30 days after the increase is granted.

(g) *Reopening of expired commitments.* An expired commitment may be reopened if a request for reopening is received by the Commissioner within 90 days of the expiration of the commitment. The reopening request shall be accompanied by a fee of 50 cents per thousand dollars of the amount of the expired commitment. If the reopening request is not received by the Commissioner within the required 90-day period, a new application, accompanied by the required application and commitment fee, must be submitted.

(h) *Transfer fee.* Upon application for approval of a transfer of physical assets or the substitution of mortgagors, a transfer fee of 50 cents per thousand dollars shall be paid on the original face amount of the mortgage in all cases, except that a transfer fee shall not be paid where both parties to the transfer transaction are nonprofit organizations.

(i) *Refund of fees.* If the amount of the commitment issued or increase in mortgage granted is less than the amount applied for, the Commissioner shall refund the excess amount of the application and commitment fees submitted by the applicant. If an application is rejected before it is assigned for processing, or in such other instances as the Commissioner may determine, the entire application and commitment fee or any portion thereof may be returned to the applicant. Commitment, inspection and reopening fees may be refunded, in whole or in part, if it is determined by the Commissioner that there is a lack of need for the housing or that the construction or financing of the project has been prevented because of condemnation proceedings or other legal action taken by a governmental body or public agency, or in such other instances as the Commissioner may determine. A transfer fee may be refunded only in such instances as the Commissioner may determine.

(j) *Fees not required.* The payment of an application, commitment, inspection, or reopening fee shall not be required in connection with the insurance of a mortgage involving the sale

by the Secretary of any property acquired under any section or title of the Act.

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**§ 200.41 Maximum mortgagee fees and charges.**

(a) Mortgagee fees and charges included in the mortgage must be for actual required services provided to the mortgagor by the mortgagee, and shall not exceed common market rates for such services as determined by the Commissioner.

(b) Mortgagee charges for prepayment of the mortgage and late mortgage payments shall not exceed that determined appropriate by the Commissioner.

COMMITMENT APPLICATIONS

**§ 200.45 Processing of applications.**

(a) *Preapplication conference.* Except for mortgages insured under section 241(f) or 242 of the Act, the local HUD Office will determine whether participation in such a conference is required as a condition to submission of an initial application for either a site appraisal and market analysis (SAMA) letter (for new construction), a feasibility letter (for substantial rehabilitation), or for a firm commitment. The project sponsor may elect (after the preapplication conference if required) to submit an application for a SAMA or a feasibility letter (as appropriate), or for a firm commitment for insurance depending upon the completeness of the drawings, specifications and other required exhibits. An application for a SAMA or feasibility letter may be submitted by the project sponsor. An application for a firm commitment for insurance must be submitted by both the project sponsor and an approved mortgagee. Applications shall be submitted to the local HUD Office on HUD-approved forms. No application will be considered unless accompanied by all exhibits required by the form and program handbooks. At the option of the local HUD Office, the SAMA/Feasibility letter stage of processing can be combined with the firm commitment stage of processing.

(b) *Firm commitment requirement.* An application for a firm commitment

must be made by an approved mortgagee for any project for which a mortgagor seeks mortgage insurance under the Act.

(c) *Staged applications.* Staged applications leading to an application for firm commitment shall be made as determined appropriate by the Commissioner, and in accordance with such terms and conditions established by the Commissioner. The intermediate stages to firm commitment may include a site appraisal and market analysis (SAMA) letter stage or a feasibility letter stage and a conditional commitment. The conditional commitment stage applies only to mortgages to be insured pursuant to section 223(f) of the Act.

(d) *Effect of SAMA letter, feasibility letter, and firm commitment—(1) SAMA letter.* (i) The issuance of a SAMA letter indicates completion of the site appraisal and market analysis stage to determine initial acceptability of the site and recognition of a specific market need. The SAMA letter is not a commitment to insure a mortgage for the proposed project and does not bind the Commissioner to issue a firm commitment to insure. The SAMA letter precedes the later submission of acceptable plans and specifications for the proposed project and is limited to advising the applicant as to the following determinations of the Commissioner, which shall not be changed to the detriment of an applicant, if the application for a firm commitment is received before expiration of the SAMA letter:

(A) The land value fully improved (with off-site improvements installed);

(B) The acceptability of the proposed project site, the proposed composition, number and size of the units and the market for the number of proposed units. Where the application is not acceptable as submitted, but can be made acceptable by a change in the number, size, or composition of the units, the SAMA letter may establish the specific lesser number of units which would be acceptable and any acceptable alternative plan for the composition and size of units; and

(C) The acceptability of the unit rents proposed. Where rent levels are